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SUBJECT: INCOME TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL B, AMBASSADOR SENT LETTER DATED JULY 14 TO LAL JAYAWARDENE, SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, PROPOSING WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 1977, AS DATE FOR TAX TREATY DISCUSSIONS. IN EARLY AUGUST CONVERSATION WITH JAYAWARDENA, EMBOFF REITERATED PROPOSED DATE AND ASKED FOR ENGLISH COPY OF SRI LANKAN TAX LAW. JAYAWARDENA ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER, MADE NOTE OF DATE AND REQUEST FOR TAX LAW, AND PROMISED EARLY RESPONSE.

2. JAYAWARDENA AND OTHER SENIOR FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN AND ARE TOTALLY OCCUPIED WITH NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH ENDS AUGUST 19. ALTHOUGH GSL VERY INTERESTED IN TAX TREATY, NO SENIOR GSL OFFICIALS HAVE HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS DUE TO PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT. EMBOFF WILL TRY TO GET RESPONSE FROM JAYARDENA NEXT WEEK.
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